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Application No.: 10/803,275
Title: Hole Punch Having Elements With
Non-circular Cutting Surfaces
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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This reply includes the following sections:

- I. **Introduction** begin on page 3 of this Response
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- III. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim listing which begins on page 13 of this Response
- IV. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 27 of this Response and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.
- V. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 28 of this Response.
- VI. An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures as 5 replacement sheets is attached following page 31 of this Response.

I. Introduction

This Response is in reply to an Office Action mailed on September 1, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for reply of three months or December 1, 2005. The Response includes (1) an affirmation of the election made on July 19, 2005 to prosecute the invention of Species A including current claims 1 through 13 associated with Figures 1-8, and (2) amendments to the Drawings, (3) amendments to the Summary section, (4) amendments to the Detailed Description and (4) amendments to the Claims.